Compensation to the oustees in Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh

2222. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether cash compensation is being given as an alternative to land-based rehabilitation to the SSP dam oustees in Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the provision of NWDT are being changed; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the reasons for such gross change?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) The land based Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) policy as stipulated by Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal (NWDT) Award is being implemented by the concerned State Governments namely Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat.

No cash compensation is being given by Government of Gujarat in lieu of land. In case of Madhya Pradesh, the Project Affected Families (PAFs) entitled to land for land are being offered land, as per provision contained in NWDT Award. In the event, if PAFs are unwilling to take the land offered by the State Government and give their choice consent for cash in lieu of offered land to purchase the land of their own choice, then only cash is being offered by Government as per set procedure for purchase of land by the oustee himself.

The provision of cash in lieu of land to the Madhya Pradesh PAFs, keeping in view their choice, is an additional liberalized R&R package by Government of Madhya Pradesh and is over and above the NWDT Award.

Foreign loans for anti-sea erosion in Karnataka

2223. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has submitted a comprehensive master plan for obtaining external fund for undertaking various Anti-sea Erosion Schemes in the State;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the amount of allocation made to the State to meet its short and long term needs considering the enormous loss of life and property owing to sea erosion in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) The revised and modified proposal from Government of Karnataka estimated to cost Rs. 135.95 crore which includes 49.875 km of new sea wall and 17.605 km of reformation of damaged sea walls in Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Uttara Kannada districts has been received in Central Water Commission in March, 2002 for inclusion in the consolidated National Coastal Protection Project.

(c) Flood Management being a State subject, the responsibility of planning, funding, executing and operating flood control schemes including sea erosion primarily rests with the State Governments. The assistance rendered by the Central Government is technical, catalytic and promotional in nature.

An amount of Rs. 0.93 crore as central loan assistance was provided to Government of Karnataka in the year 1991-92 after which the Central Loan Assistance was discontinued as per the decision taken in the 43rd meeting of National Development Council held in December, 1991. Further allocation of funds will depend on the finalisation of National Coastal Protection Project.

Sea-erosion in Karnataka

2224. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coastal areas in Karnataka are facing severe sea erosion;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far to prevent sea erosion;

(c) whether the State Government has sought financial assistance in the year 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and

(d) if so, the details of amount sanctioned and released so far during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) some of the